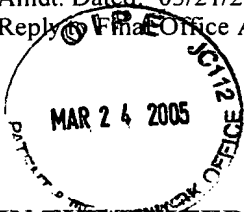


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**No Amendments to the Claims** are made in this paper. However, applicants have included a complete listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper for the convenience of the Examiner.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.